

Eastern Oregon University IACUC Meeting Minutes 3/15/24

Minutes taken by Brian Myers

In attendance, Zoe Johnson-Ulrich, Brian Myers, Emma Skillings, and Ellen Lester. Quorum is met.

Website

An IACUC website will be designed in the coming months. The website will have all forms and materials available to AUP applicants and IACUC members. We also plan to provide an online AUP application with drop-down arrows and text boxes.

Risk assessment form

We will add a protocol number to avoid confusion when Principal Investigators have several AUPs

AUP Reviews

Review of Laura Mahrt's AUP for Live Herps – withhold approval with modifications, Unanimous

***Delegation to Emma Skillings and Brian Myers for next review**

Section 6.3 - There's an IACUC document on euthanasia for amphibians and reptiles –a euthanasia protocol must be in place prior to approval.

Section 1.3 – Which students will be observing the animals? Which classes? Research students?

Section 3.0 – How are the animals incorporated in your studies? What are the specific objectives here? We ask that only upper division students be responsible for animal care.

Section 5.0 – Adverse effects is left empty. Capturing wild animals will involve, at minimum, some form of stress and discomfort. Please describe.

Review of Laura Mahrt's AUP for MAPs – Approved, Unanimous

For non-EOU affiliated members, please conduct a 10-minute debrief for each person whenever banding activities will occur and gather signatures confirming the debrief occurred. The IACUC will add a section 8.0 for future AUP applications.

Review of Laura Mahrt's AUP for small mammals - withhold approval with modifications, Unanimous

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Section 2.0 – Small mammals are carriers of Zoonotic disease – please describe potential diseases.

Section 4.1 – Move “The purpose of trapping” paragraph should be moved to Section 3.0 and the “Small mammal populations” paragraph to Section 7.2.

Review of Laura Mahrt's AUP for spotted frogs - withhold approval with modifications, Unanimous

***Delegation to Emma Skillings and Brian Myers for next review**

Section 6.3 - There's an IACUC document on euthanasia for amphibians and reptiles – please provide a euthanasia protocol prior to approval. According to the AVMA, pithing may be used as a means of euthanasia if the animal is unconscious, although other means may be deemed more suitable.